

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Grand Island Police Department, Tri-City Drug Task Force and the F.B.I. announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Danny Soumpholphakdy was sentenced to 210 months imprisonment by the Honorable Richard Kopf, United States District Judge, on August 6, 2009, following his earlier conviction of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Danny Soumpholphakdy also forfeited a handgun. Danny Soumpholphakdy pleaded guilty to all counts in the indictment on May 19, 2009.

Name of Defendant: Danny Soumpholphakdy

AKA:

Age: 25

City of residence:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, 10 years to life imprisonment, up to a \$4,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Felon in possession of a firearm, up to 10 years imprisonment, up to \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Grand Island, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Grand Island, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: at least 5 kilograms of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July of 2004 through December of 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 19, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: December 23, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plead guilty on May 19, 2009

Sentencing Date: August 6, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: December 19, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: the Honorable Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: MM